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SUBJECT: JAWORSKI DIALOGUE WITH ROK AMBASSADOR RE
ACCESS TO KIM DONG-JO

REF: SEOUL 3498

1. ROK EMB COUNSELOR PARK INFORMS US THAT AMBASSADOR
HAS RECEIVED SHORT BUT VERY RESTRICTIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM
SEOUL IN RESPONSE TO HIS FULL REPORT OF JAWORSKI MEETING
APRIL 25. INSTRUCTIONS DO NOT OFFER ANY LATITUDE AND
MERELY REAFFIRM PREVIOUS ROKG POSITION.

2. PARK STATED THAT EMBASSY'S DETAILED REPORT SEEMED TO
HAVE SOFTENED ROKG'S IMPRESSIONS OF JAWORSKI SOMEWHAT, BUT
INSTRUCTIONS HAD EMPHASIZED THAT EVEN PHONE CALL
ENVISAGED FOR KIM DONG-JO WOULD NEED INITIALLY TO BE WITH
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O'NEILL RATHER THAN JAWORSKI SINCE "KOREAN PUBLIC" WOULD
NOT UNDERSTAND DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH JAWORSKI.

3. AT AMBASSADOR KIM YONG-SHIK'S DIRECTION, PARK
REQUESTED THAT DEPT PASS TO JAWORSKI THE ROKG RESPONSE.
NOTING THAT SUCH A NEGATIVE RESPONSE PASSED THROUGH AN
INTERMEDIARY WOULD SEEM TO TRIGGER THE END OF CURRENT

DIALOGUE, KOREA DIRECTOR RICH URGED FURTHER DIRECT MEETING BETWEEN JAWORSKI AND KIM. OUTCOME WAS THAT DEPT WAS ASKED TO INFORM JAWORSKI/WHITE IN GENERAL TERMS OF PRESENT ROK RESPONSE "IF ASKED." IT ALSO CLEARLY EMERGED THAT KIM IS STILL HOPING FOR SOME GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND WILL TALK WITH JAWORSKI AGAIN WHEN HE HAS SOMETHING MORE FORTHCOMING TO SAY.

4. COMMENT: IN TYPICAL KOREAN FASHION, THE FIRST ROKG FORMAL REACTION SEEMS TO BE HARD-LINE AND REJECTIONIST. YOUR CONVERSATION WITH KCIA DIRECTOR KIM JAE-KYU IN PARTICULAR INDICATES, HOWEVER, THAT JAWORSKI PROPOSALS HAVE SPARKED INTEREST AND MIGHT AT LEAST FORM BASIS OF SOME FURTHER DIALOGUE. THEREFORE, WE DO NOT PLAN TO PASS ON THIS REJECTIONIST RESPONSE TO JAWORSKI AT THIS TIME, BUT WILL CONTINUE TO URGE KIM TO FIND A WAY TO CONTINUE THE DIRECT DISCUSSION IN A MEANINGFUL MANNER. IF FEASIBLE, YOU MAY WISH TO FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS SURPRISE THAT AMBASSADOR KIM IS NOT BEING GIVEN SOME LATITUDE ON THIS MATTER. VANCE

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